Minutes of the <u>Regular Work Session</u> of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, April 2, 2018, 4:30 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark Alderman Jennifer Adler Alderman Joe Begley Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Colette George Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire Alderman Tommy Olterman

City Administration

Jeff Fleming, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder/Chief Financial Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Clark.

2. ROLL CALL: By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.

3. FIRST TN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. Mr. Chris Craig gave a presentation on this item, providing details on the structure, programs and outreach of this organization. He answered questions from the board and some discussion followed.

At this time, City Manager Fleming provided a legislative update, providing details on the decisions made by the legislature last week while he was in Nashville for their session. Topics included annexation, pain clinics, utility rate differential as well as capital funding and the maintenance of effort agreement regarding funding for education. There was considerable discussion on the state mandated funding for schools and where that money will come from. Alderman George pointed out that because of votes made at the county regarding this money, the city budget will now be affected by either cutting services or raising taxes. The board stated this issue needed to be raised at the meeting tomorrow night to make the public aware.

- 4. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE APRIL 3, 2018 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Fleming and members of staff gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.
- VI.B.2 Budget Adjustment Ordinance for FY18 (AF: 52-2018). City Manager Fleming pointed out this included funding to complete Carousel Park. Assistant City Manager for Administration Chris McCartt provided details on the new park, noting construction would begin in May after the Racks by the Tracks festival is over and finished by late summer.
- VII.2 Southern Creative Places Grant by South Arts for Improvements to a Specified Alley in Downtown (AF: 49-2018). Development Services Directore Lynn Tully provided information on this project and why this location was chosen to be the first one. City Planner Jessica Harmon provided further details and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

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5. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

JOHN CLARK

Mayor